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TREATMENT OF BULK MATERIAL

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action dated April 24, 2006. A Petition  
for Two (2) Months Extension of Time is submitted herewith. Please amend the  
above-identified application as follows: